

Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

B.F., et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.) No. 4:12-CV-1760-CAS
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 ABBOTT LABORATORIES, INC., et al.,)
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 Defendants.)

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

BEFORE THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. SHAW
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

MAY 19, 2016

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1 THE COURT: You got it?

2 MR. BOUNDAS: I've got it.

3 MR. BALL: Okay.

4 THE COURT: Okay. I think that covers a number of
5 things. So I think it, you know, pretty much covers No. 5
6 also. We're not going to deal with this epilepsy in general
7 other than studies that indicate birth defects post-'96.

8 Okay. No. 6 here. Defendant wants to exclude
9 evidence of the medical condition of the siblings that were
10 born before Ms. Forbes started taking Depakote. Well, you
11 know, if we're going to get into this whole genetic thing,
12 that's denied. You know.

13 No. 7. How many of these things do I still have a
14 question mark by? Okay. Abbott seeks to exclude evidence
15 relating to thalidomide, Accutane, other drugs that were
16 pulled from the market. Defendant says these are irrelevant
17 and will inflame the jury.

18 Okay. Right now I don't see why, you know, the
19 pulling of these other drugs is relevant.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: May I?

21 THE COURT: Go ahead.

22 MR. WILLIAMS: John Eddie Williams. If I may address
23 that, you're right. Pulling of the drugs has nothing to do
24 with it. I don't care about that. In fact, they're still on
25 the market. So they're wrong about that. The issue is -- and